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the slave Henry Brown escaped from Virginia in 1858 by hiding (with a box of biscuits and a bladder of water) in a box that was shipped from Richmond to Philadelphia. There, he popped out into "the free world." He was forever after known as "Box" Brown

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When the steamship GREAT EASTERN was launched on the Thames in London, in 1858, she was 5 times the size of the biggest vessel afloat - 683 ft long, with 22,500 tons displacement. The ship was built to carry 4,000 passengers, almost twice as many as the Queen Mary, launched 77 yrs. later. The

Great Eastern could carry 15,000 tons
of coal, which would allow her to
steam around the globe without
refueling.

June 16, 1858

In a speech in Springfield, Ill.
Senate Candidate Abraham Lincoln
said the slavery issue had to be
resolved, declaring, "A house divided
against itself cannot stand."

May 11, 1858

Minnesota became the 32nd
state of the Union

C1858

Fenian Movement (Fenian Brotherhood)
or Irish Republican Brotherhood

Secret revolutionary society
seeking Ireland's independence
from Britain by Force; organized
in Ireland and U.S. c1858.

Many Fenians were imprisoned
after suspension of Habeas Corpus
Act in Ireland - 1866.

1866-1870 - Fenians in U.S. invaded Canada

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Theory of Evolution

Idea of natural selection was developed, 1858, simultaneously but independently by English naturalists:

Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913) and
Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882)

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Lincoln said, "A House divided
against itself cannot endure.
permanently half slave and
half free. It will become
all one thing or the other."

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Minnesota became a state

Jan 31, 1858

Great Eastern ship

After attempts on 11/3/1857 + 11/19/1857
+ others, it was finally put
in the water Jan 31, 1858

The Eastern Steam Navigation Company
was unable to bear the heavy costs
& the vessel was taken over by the

Great Ship Company. They tried to
use the great ship across the Atlantic, but
two accidents cost 650,000 to repair

It was bought by 3 former shareholders
who chartered it to the Telegraph Construction
Co: for use in laying cable.

July 1865, it left Ireland to lay cable across
the Atlantic. After 1,300 mi, the cable snapped

In 1866, it tried again & succeeded. It also
laid cables from France to the U.S.; from Bombay
to Aden; and along the Red Sea.

In 1888 it was broken up on Merseyside